



**Minneapolis  
Speak Up Poster  
Contest  
2012 Winners**



**National Youth Violence  
Prevention Week**

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## National Youth Violence Prevention Week

Minneapolis Youth Violence Prevention Week sponsored a poster contest for youth to express their ideas related to Speak Up tip line in an effort to promote alternatives to community violence and show how students can be part of the solution. During Youth Violence Prevention Week, activities and events are held nationwide to spotlight the issue of youth violence, to identify strategies to combat this epidemic, and to promote the positive role youth have in making their communities and schools safer.

### What is Speak Up?

As part of the City of Minneapolis Blueprint for Action to Prevent Youth Violence, an anonymous youth tip-line was launched called "Speak Up Minneapolis." This tip-line allows youth from across the city to phone or text in reports of potential violence including weapons in schools, parks, libraries or other locations.

The contest was open to all Minneapolis youth in grades k through 12 and a total of six winners were selected along with four honorable mentions. This exhibit honors and recognizes their outstanding contributions to speaking up against community violence and demonstrating how students can be part of the solution.



# Poster Contest Award Ceremony



I think my artwork reflects my idea because it's all about standing up for what is right. Every person needs to love themselves enough to not let someone else put them down or hurt them. By loving yourself you have the courage to stand up to bullies and people who don't respect you. Also to help someone else who is being bullied or threatened in any way. To just stand by and not say anything can only make it worse. If you can't do it alone you will still be standing up for yourself by letting others know what's going on. It could be your parents, teacher, brother or sister and or a friend. You may not realize it but you will also be helping the bully. So...learn to stand up for yourself and others.

-Alex - Elementary School-Marcy-Second Place



Hablen

# SPEAK



Cada Siete minutos un niño,  
en un patio de recreo de  
Primaria es intimidado.

Every Seven minutes, a  
child, on an elementary playground  
is bullied.

# UP

más

Save Lives Stop Violence  
Salvan vidas Para a la violencia  
1-800-Speak -UP

I want teens and kids to stop violence. That's what everyone wants. But we can do more than just stop it. We can keep it stopped. We can change the world! That's why I want my artwork to be fun, colorful. The reflection is anyone can be a part. If it's in two or more languages it can get out to more people. That is a really good idea. The more creative the poster is, the better and more useful it can be. Like I said, anyone can help, even Teddy Bears!

-Ana

Middle School, Anwatin  
Second Place

My poster reflects the idea of youth speaking up against violence and how students can be part of the solution because it tells them to speak up.

-Antonia

Middle School-Anwatin

First Place



I want to see the mayor ...and to stop fighting in my school.

-Davis

Elementary School-Marcy

Honorable Mention

SPEAK UP

AGAINST

FIGHTING



WATCH VIDEO!!

1-866-SPEAK-UP

It is important for all members of a community to speak up against violence. Young people can get involved with their neighborhood parks, police departments, and student council to work towards ending violence.

-Ellie

Elementary School-Marcy

First Place

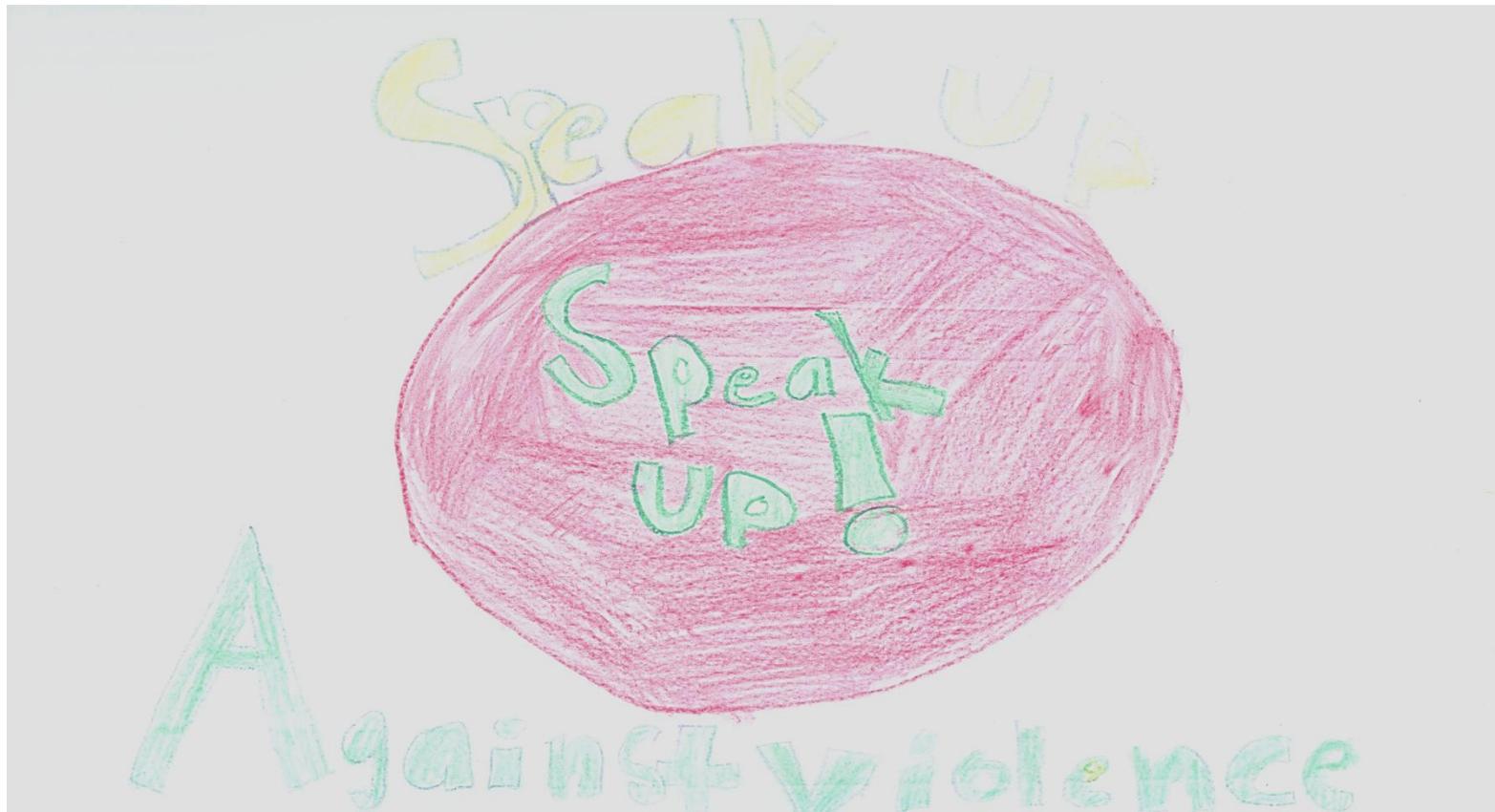


To have them speak up when they are scared or shy.

-Isabela

Elementary School-Marcy

Honorable Mention





Stop

Violence



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When you  
have stress  
or anger  
try the  
following:

1. Squeeze something like a softball
2. take karate or something like that

When you  
have stress  
or anger  
Don't try  
to solve  
it with  
violence



3. Draw scribbles the fast and they help you calm down

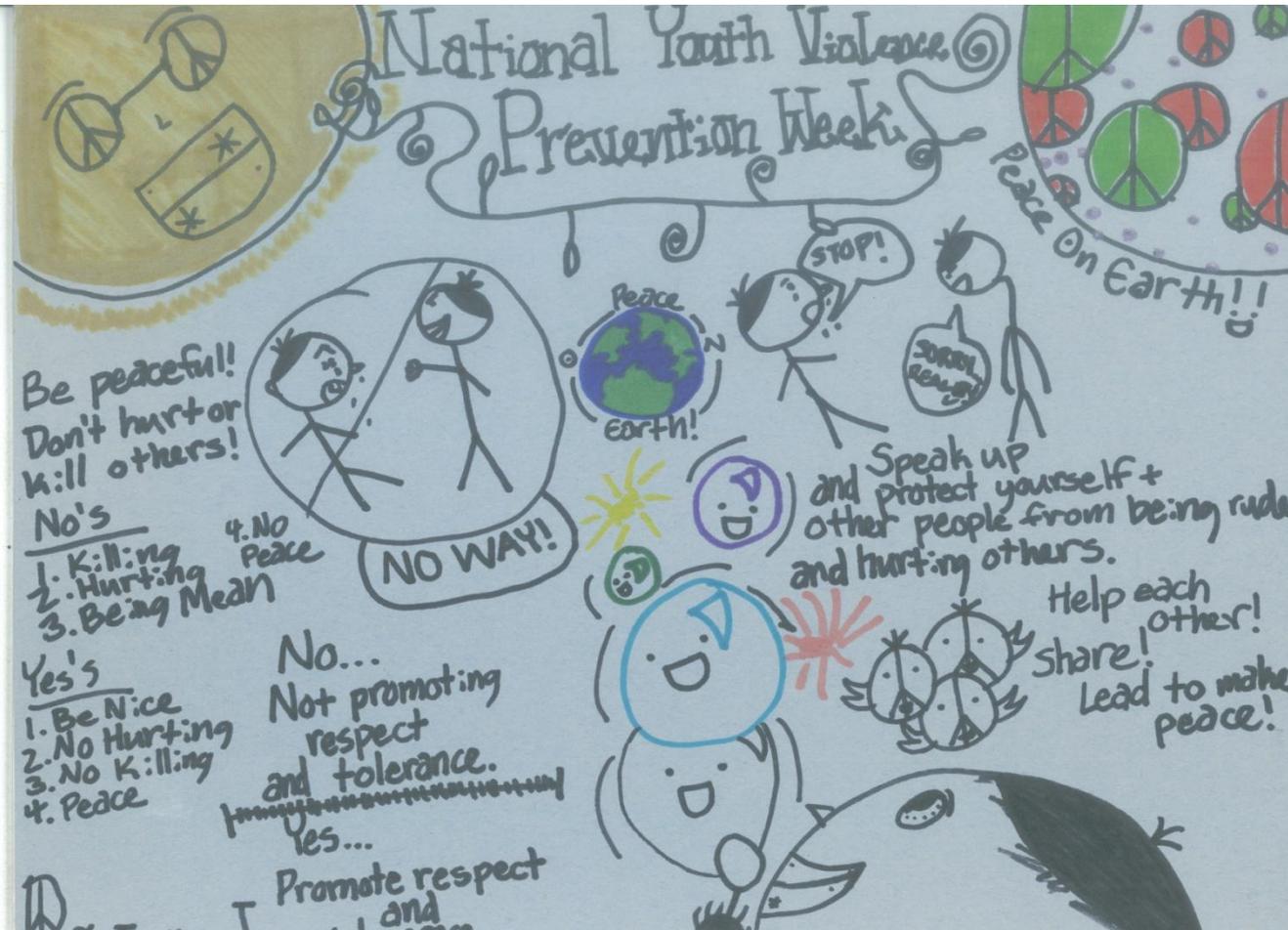
4. Deep Breaths Deep calming Breaths



thump  
thump

Try other stuff  
besides violence to  
solve your  
problems.  
-Molly  
Elementary School-  
Marcy  
Honorable Mention

Owen  
Elementary School-Marcy  
3rd Place



It shows how kids can speak up, even if its someone they trust that's causing the violence.

-Stephanie

Middle School-Anwatin

Honorable Mention

